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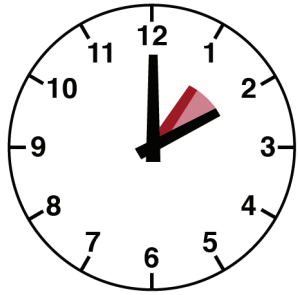
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QUICK HITS

Good Day Wish To A Subscriber
A special good day to Herald subscriber Francis Mohr of Baker City.

Fall back
Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday – set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday



BRIEFING

Baker County Garden Club
The Baker County Garden Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 9 at Community Connection, 2810 Cedar St. at 10:30 a.m. Helen Loennig will be the guest speaker and discuss Medicare Part D. Please put on your thinking caps for suggestions about topics for 2023 meetings. Lunch will be available.

Climate Vigil hosting dinner Nov. 10
Climate Vigil is hosting a free dinner with live music Thursday, Nov. 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave. “We are serving vegan chili, corn bread, homemade ice cream, live local music, and hope for the future,” said the organizer, Peter Fargo.

WEATHER
Today 44/22 Rain and snow
Sunday 40/22 Rain showers
Monday 39/22 Rain or snow

Full forecast on the back of the B section.

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Woman arrested on kidnapping, assault charges

Heather Winston, 30, accused of assaulting a woman in Baker City on Oct. 25

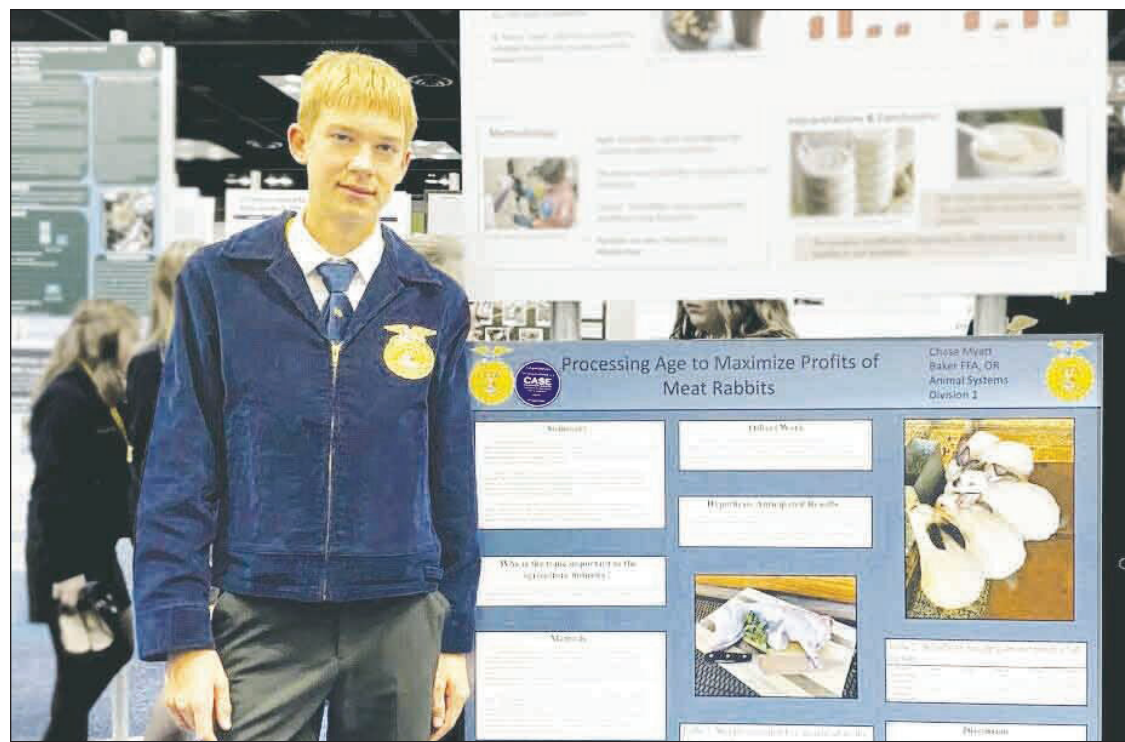
BY JAYSON JACOBY
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Members of the Baker County Narcotics Team arrested a Baker City woman Wednesday, Nov. 2 on multiple felony charges, including first-degree robbery and first-degree kidnapping. Heather Aimy Mae Winston, 30, was arrested as members of the Northeast Oregon Regional SWAT team arrived at 1690 Indiana Ave., at the corner of Indiana and Walnut in southeast Baker City, to conduct a warrant search of the home.

Winston was leaving the home and police stopped her vehicle, according to a press release from Baker City Police Chief Ty Duby.
On Thursday, Nov. 3, the Baker County Grand Jury indicted Winston, a convicted felon, on six counts:
• Two counts of first-degree kidnapping, a Class A felony.
• Coercion, a Class C felony.
• Third-degree robbery, a Class C felony.
• Fourth-degree assault, a Class A misdemeanor.

• Menacing, a Class A misdemeanor.
Judge Matt Shirtcliff in Baker County Circuit Court set Winston's bail at \$350,000. She could be released by posting 10% of that amount. Winston is scheduled to enter a plea on Nov. 17 at 1:30 p.m. in Baker County Circuit Court.
Winston was convicted of second-degree robbery in Baker City in 2019 and sentenced to 36 months in prison.
She was released from Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, Oregon's wom-

en's prison, on Oct. 29, 2021, and had been living at 1690 Indiana Ave., according to Duby's press release. Winston is on probation.
Police obtained the search warrant after they “became aware of an incident involving narcotics and violent crime occurring in Baker City,” according to the press release.
SWAT team members interviewed three people during the search at 1690 Indiana. Two were released, and a third, Robert M. Metz, 37, was arrested on Malheur County warrants unrelated to the incident in which Winston is charged.

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Jill Myatt/Contributed Photo

Chase Myatt and his findings on display at the FFA National Convention and Expo on Oct. 26, 2022.

BIG HONOR, BIG CROWD

Baker eighth-grader Chase Myatt won fourth-place award at the National Agriscience Fair



Contributed Photo

Baker FFA students visited Mammoth Caves National Park in Kentucky during their trip to the FFA National Convention and Expo in late October in Indianapolis.

BY IAN CRAWFORD • icrawford@bakercityherald.com
When Chase Myatt, an eighth-grader from Baker City, learned he had earned national recognition for his research into raising rabbits, he couldn't keep it a secret.
Not with 67,000 people watching him.
Chase was standing on a stage inside Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, home of the NFL's Colts, when he received his fourth-place award at the FFA National Convention and Expo on Oct. 29.

“When I went up on stage there were 67,000 people there watching.”

— Chase Myatt, describing the scene when he received a fourth-place national award for his research into raising rabbits

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Commissioners ask for advance notification on grant requests

Chairman Bill Harvey says grants, although helpful, can also lead to unplanned expenses

BY SAMANTHA O'CONNOR
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Baker County Commission Chairman Bill Harvey applauded the sheriff's office's attempt to win a grant to help buy a tracking dog for the search and rescue team, but Harvey also said he wants county officials to notify commissioners before applying for grants.



Bennett

During the Wednesday, Nov. 2 meeting Harvey discussed the \$1,500 Aftermath K9 grant that County Sheriff Travis Ash applied for.
Ash said he would use the dog both in the patrol division and to help with searches for people or evidence.



Harvey

“I'm discussing for all departments, I want everybody to understand this is the same level playing field for everybody that we don't go out first without coming and filling us (commissioners) in on the whole process and discussion portion and then seeking support ahead of time,” Harvey said.

He said he's concerned that grants won't pay the entire, continuing cost of a particular project.

In the case of the K9 grant, for instance, he noted that the sheriff's office could need to have a vehicle designed to accommodate the dog.

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Special Olympics swim meet is Sunday at Sam-O

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Special Olympics of Oregon will have its fall regional swimming competition on Sunday, Nov. 6 at Sam-O Swim Center, 580 Baker St. in Baker City.
The meet is slated to run from 9:45 a.m. to noon.

The schedule:

- 25-meter backstroke
- 50-meter freestyle
- 50-meter butterfly
- 15-meter unassisted swim
- 15-meter walk
- Break for session 1 awards
- 100-meter freestyle, 100-meter backstroke
- 50-meter backstroke
- 50-meter breaststroke
- 25-meter freestyle
- 25-meter breaststroke, 25-meter butterfly
- 4x25-meter freestyle and medley relays
- Session 2 awards

PROMOTING BAKER COUNTY AS A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Recognizing signs of dementia

BY MARK BOGART
For the Baker City Herald
Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of stories about an effort to make Baker County a dementia friendly community. The first was published in the Oct. 13 issue.

A few years back, an employee at a Baker City supermarket noticed something that caught her attention. An elderly lady was looking at a display of panty hose.
This seemed out of character for this regular customer, but the employee was more surprised when the woman took a package from the

display and put it into her purse. What was behind this unusual behavior, and what should happen next? Confront the customer? Tell the manager? Call the police?

While other details of the incident are only known by the participants, the outcome was the most important part. Someone knew the customer's name and that she lived alone. Someone also knew she had relatives in town, and they were contacted. Knowing that the woman had dementia, the family increased their care and eventually needed to



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arrange a placement in a local adult foster home.
Research indicates that about 10% of Americans over 65 have some form of dementia, with Alzheimer's disease being the most common form. Because Baker County has a high proportion of senior citizens, it has a high percentage of both diagnosed and undiagnosed residents living with dementia.
Fortunately, the woman in the story lived in a small town where people knew her and cared enough to get help.

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